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Weekend Activity

Region 8, Abandoned Mine Release Sunday, 8/9 Spot Report, Update #3

- The R6 Mobile Command Post will arrive in New Mexico on 8/9.
- A draft sampling plan is being developed to address sampling and analysis of sediment and well-water. This plan is being developed jointly by Region 6, 8 and 9. Sampling will continue throughout the impacted area as well as ahead of the plume to establish baseline water quality.
- The plume is moving at approximately 2.5 miles per hour in the San Juan River. A leading edge of the plume is becoming harder to identify as the pulse becomes more dilute. Analysis of photographic images indicate that the plume's leading edge on 8/8 was estimated to be just past Nenahnezad, NM (approximately 9 miles west of Farmington).
- The release of water at the spill site is now diminished to 700 gallons per minute. The water is being treated with caustic soda and flocculants in settlement ponds prior to release.
- The Navajo Nation will issue an emergency declaration in Window Rock, AZ. The declaration will cover the entire San Juan River.
- New Mexico is asking residents with that have concerns about their private water wells to bring samples to the County Fair in Farmington. R6 is consulting with New Mexico about this effort.
- A R6 OSC participated in a Community Meeting with NMED and other local officials. Several topics were discussed including: potential drinking water well sampling; potential public availability of sampling results; potential EPA reimbursement for state and locals; effect of the spill on livestock and irrigation; sediment sampling; current mine site status; questions regarding the tardiness of notification; and, the Navajo Nation requested that EPA meet with them on Monday (8/10) in Arizona (this will be passed on to Region 9.)

Ongoing Incidents (From Previous Week)

Tropical Storm Soudelor Friday, 8/7 Spot Report, Update #2

- Most recent report shows Typhoon SOUDELOR passed directly over Saipan (pop.

48,220) and moved away from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) (pop. 55,000). The acting Governor of CNMI has declared a State of Emergency.

- The FEMA Regional Watch Center transitioned to Enhanced Watch on 2 Aug; Region IX Regional Response Coordination Center activated to Level II. EPA watch received notification that FEMA has activated ESF 10 for this incident. EPA Region 9 will send personnel to staff the ESF desk at the FEMA RRCC.
- Significant damage has been reported to the only power plant, industrial control systems, transmission lines, and distribution equipment
- The Saipan Hospital is operating on generators.
- Two R9 OSCs deployed to Saipan. The USCG is also on scene.

For Your Situational Awareness

- No other incidents to report.

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